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1. DCM HAD HOUR'S TOUR-D'HORIZON THIS MORNING JUNE 5 WITH
ECMEL BARUTCU, DIRECTOR, GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS, MFA.

2. BARUTCU SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT MUCH FROM VIENNA II BECUASE
THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK IN NICOSIA HAD NOT BEEN COM-
PLETED. HE PERSONALLY HAD FAVORED "SLIGHT" POSTPONEMENT OF
TALKS BUT UNSYG HAD SENT LETTERS TO BOTH CAGLAYANGIL AND
BITSIOS URGING THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TALKS BE HELD ON SCHEDULE.
BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED UNSYG LETTER IN BRUSSELS
AND HAD COME TO AGREEMENT THAT VIENNA II SHOULD GO FORWARD
EVEN THOUGH LITTLE PROGRESS COULD BE EXPECTED.

3. BARUTCU SAID HE SAW SOME "COMMON DENOMINATORS" IN
POSITIONS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY BE EXPLORED
AT VIENNA II. BOTH COMMUNITIES AGREED THAT FOREIGN POLICY
SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THEY COULD
EXAMINE THIS IN DETAIL AT VIENNA II. SIMILARLY, THERE WERE
FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WORTH EXPLORING. THERE SHOULD BE ONE KIND
OF MONEY FOR THE WHOLE ISLAND. THERE SHOULD BE A FEDERAL
BUDGET. HOW WOULD THE TWO COMMUNITIES PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR
SUCH A BUDGET? THERE SHOULD BE ONE KIND OF PASSPORT FOR BOTH

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COMMUNITIES. THIS AND OTHER PRACTICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE

NICOSIA AIRPORT COULD ALL BE DISCUSSED VIENNA.

4. AS FOR THE ESSENCE OF THE MATTER -- TERRITORY -- BARCU RECALLED THAT CAGLAYANGIL HAD TOLD BITSIOS THAT ONLY GREECE AND TURKEY COULD FIND A SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM. THERE TERRITORY COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT VIENNA II SINCE TURKEY AND GREECE HAD NOT YET REACHED A COMMON VIEW.

5. BARUTCU COMPLAINED THAT UNSYG DID NOT REALIZE HOW COMPLICATED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS AND TENDED TO THINK OF IT IN TERMS OF HIS OWN PERSONAL PRESTIGE. HE SAID THAT UNSYG HAD EVEN TRIED, UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET HIMSELF INVITED TO BRUSSELS AT THE TIME OF THE DEMIREL-KARAMANLIS TALKS THERE. DENKTASH WAS GOING TO TRY TO SEE UNSYG ALONE IN VIENNA BEFORE THE RESUMPTION OF THE FORMAL TALKS TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE TURK CYPRIOTS DID NOT WISH TO IMPERIL UNSYG'S PRESTIGE BUT THE IMPORTANT THING AT STAKE WAS THE FUTURE OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS, WHICH COULD NOT BE BUILT OVERNIGHT.

6. BARUTCU THEN REPEATED THE TURKISH VIEW THAT IT WAS THE "BYZANTINE BEHAVIOR" OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATION AT STRASBOURG THAT HAD PREVENTED THE TURK CYPRIOTS FROM FULLY PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR VIENNA 88. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT DENKTASH WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PRESENTING SOME IDEAS ON THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

7. BARUTCU CONFIRMED THAT A GREEK DELEGATION HEADED BY KARAGIANNIS WOULD BE ARRIVING IN ANKARA ON JUNE 16 TO DISCUSS THE FIR PROBLEM. THERE WOULD BE SIMILAR JOINT DISCUSSIONS ON THE AEGEAN SEABED AS SOON AS THE GOT COMPLETED ITS OWN PREPARATIONS FOR THEM. THE

GOT WAS PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING FOREIGN INTERNATIONAL LAW EXPERTS, "JUST AS THE GREEKS HAVE DONE." BARUTCU SAID THAT THE GREEKS AT BRUSSELS HAD SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN THE CONCEPT OF A JOINT VENTURE. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED A POSSIBLE WILLINGNESS TO FINANCE JOINT EXPLORATION OF THE SEABED.

8. DCM THEN REITERATED POINTS MADE TO BARUTCU BY AMBASSADOR (EMBTel 4301) REGARDING NEED FOR EARLY DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS
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TERRITORIAL QUESTION. BARUTCU REPEATED ARGUMENT THAT "CAGLAYANGIL'S PROBLEMS WITH HIS OWN COALITION GOVERNMENT MADE IT NECESSARY FOR GREEKS TO MAKE FIRST MOVE. HE SAID THAT AT ROME BITSIOS HAD INDICATED GREEK IDEA OF WHERE LINE SHOULD BE IN HIS DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC VIABILITY FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. BUT BITSIOS WANTED TOO MUCH. HIS IDEAS (WHICH BARUTCU SAID WERE SIMILAR TO SOME RESPECTS TO IDEAS THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED DURING HIS MARCH VISIT) WOULD HAVE

LEFT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ECONOMICALLY UNVIALE. PERHAPS, BARUTCU CONTINUED, BITSIOS COULD REVISE HIS IDEAS DOWNWARD A LITTLE. THIS WOULD HELP CAGLAYANGIL.

9. DCM THEN RECALLED AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION (PARA 4, EMBTEL 4301) OF THE TWO-MAN-OFF-IN-THE-CORNER APPROACH. DCM SIAD IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF BARUTCU AND , SAY, TZOUNIS WERE TO SPEND A WEEK IN PARIS TOGETHER. COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO HIS EARLIER ADAMANT REJECTION OF THIS IDEA, BARUTCU SIAD THAT HE HAD VERY WARM PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH THE RANKING TECHNOCRATS IN THE GOG. HE SPOKE PARTICULARLY HIGHLY OF MOLYVIATIS WHOM HE HAD MET WITH PRIVATELY IN BRUSSELS. "WE KISSED EACH OTHER," HE NOW BELIEVED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CONTINUING SECRET DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS TERRITORIAL PROBLEM BETWEEN A GREEK AND A TURKISH TECHNOCRAT. IN SUCH A PROCESS THE USG COULD PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN PRESENTING IDEAS, IF AND AS REQUIRED, TO BRIDGE GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES, SAID BARUTCU.

10. DCM THEN REAISED THE MATTER OF THE UPCOMING JUNE 9 REFERENDUM ON THE TURK CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION. DCM SAID HE COULD ENVISAGE NO WORSE SCENARIO, IN TERMS OF US ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THAN BREAKDOWN OF VIENNA TALKS, TURK CYPRIOT REFERENDUM, GREEK CYPRIOT PROTEST, AND RETURN OF CYPRUS PROBLEM TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

11. BARUTCU BELITTLED IMPORTANCE OF REFERENDUM TO GREEK CYPRIOTS. HE SAID GREEK AMBASSADOR COSMADOPOULOS HAD CALLED ON MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAY YESTERDAY WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM BITSIOS IN WHICH LATTER HAD REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF REFERENDUM. ELEKDAY HAD TOLD COSMADOPOULOS THAT A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE. HE NOTED THAT GREEKS HAD NOT RAISED THIS MATTER IN BRUSSELS. COSMADOPOULOS THEN SUGGESTED THAT DENKTASH MAKE A "SOUTHING STATEMENT."

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BARUTCU SAID DENKTASH HAD ALREADY DONE SO WHEN HE ASSURED GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT TURKISH CONSTITUTION BY ITS OWN TERMS WAS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION ONCE NEW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED.

12. BARUTCU SAID THAT ELEKDAY CITED TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR THE WORDING OF THE SC RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH WOULD PREJUDGE THE SITUATION. THE TURKS HAD SAID TO COSMADOPOULOS THAT THIS SEEMED TO APPLY ONLY TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. WERE NOT THE APPROACH OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT TO THE MIXED COMMISSION OF THE EEC, AND THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE "UNILATERAL ACTS WHICH PREJUDGED THE SITUATION," THEY ASKED COSMADOPOULOS.

13. BARUTCU SAID HE HAD TOLD THE GREEK AMBASSADOR THAT THE REFERENDUM WOULD TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED AND THERE WOULD BE

TURK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS WITHIN SIX MONTHS. THE PROCESS WAS UNAVOIDABLE. HE HAD PROPOSED TO COSMADOPOULOS THAT GREECE AND TURKEY WORK TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH CONTROL OVER BOTH THE GYPRIOT COMMUNITIES SO THAT NEITHER ONE COMMITTED UNILATERAL ACTS WHICH AROUSED A NEGATIVE REACTION FROM THE OTHER. TURKEY WAS READY TO COOPERATE WITH GREECE ALONG THESE LINES AT ANY TIME, SAID AARUTCU.

14. DCM REMARKED THAT BARUTCU HAD JUST PUT HIS FINGER ON THE MAKARIOS PROBLEM. BARUTCU REPLIED RATHER HEATEDLY THAT MAKARIOS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF GREECE AND TURKEY COULD AGREE. CAN ONE PERSON BE ALLOWED TO DESTROY THE INTERESTS OF TWO NEIGHBORS, HE ASKED RHETORICALLY. IF GREEK-TURKISH AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS COULD BE REACHED, MAKARIOS WOULD DISAPPEAR, CONCLUDED BARUTCU.

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